REMARKS

The Office Action indicated that the subject matter of Claims 3-5, 12-14 and 23 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form.

Accordingly, applicant has redrafted Claim 1 to include the allowable subject matter of Claim 3.

As can be readily determined, the subject matter of Claim 8, directed to the frequency synchronization circuit, and the subject matter of Claim 9, directed to the integrated circuit and presenting basically the same subject matter as Claim 1, have also been amended to incorporate the allowed subject matter of Claim 3.

It is believed that Claims 1, 2 and 4-9 are now allowable.

In a similar manner, the indicated allowable subject matter of Claim 12 for the method has now been added to Claim 1 and is allowable. Accordingly, dependent Claims 11, 13 and 14 should also be allowed.

Finally, independent Claim 22 has been amended to incorporate the allowed subject matter of dependent Claim 23 and is allowable.

In view of the amendments to the claims, it is believed that the present case is in condition for allowance and an early notification of the same is requested.

If there are any questions with regards to this case, the undersigned attorney can be contacted at the listed phone number.

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